

HB 228
Shoot to Kill

SENATE JUDICIARY
March 17, 2009
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BILL NO. HB228

- ~~no problem w/ MTC gun laws~~
- ~~Campbell's statement - MTC~~

Chairman and members of the committee, I am Jamee Greer representing the Montana Human Rights Network.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the issue of public safety this morning.

Current law already defines the legitimate use of lethal force, and it does so to prevent tense and toxic situations from escalating into irreparable harm to another. This bill will allow that the use of lethal force be the first option, instead of a last resort. The bill allows anyone "who is lawfully in a place or location" to shoot to kill if they feel "threatened with bodily injury." And it leaves it up to the shooter to decide at home, on the street, in the supermarket, or anywhere else, when to use lethal force. Sometimes the only other witness to the events will be dead and unable to give their view of what happened, making the shooter the lone judge, jury and executioner.

The Network, our membership and allies ask you to please oppose House Bill 228.

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